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SUBJ: HEAVY RAINS PROVOKE KILLER LANDSLIDES IN ANTIOQUIA

1. CONTINUING HEAVY RAINS HAVE CAUSED NUMEROUS LANDSLIDES IN ANTIOQUIA OVER THE PAST WEEK. BY FAR THE MOST DISASTROUS WAS A LARGE MUDSLIDE IN A POPULOUS NORTHEAST MEDELLIN POOR BARRIO SEPT, 29. FIFTEEN TO EIGHTEEN RUDIMENTARY HOUSES WERE SMOTHERED BY THE SLIDE. TO DATE 42 BODIES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED, AND ESTIMATES AS TO UNRECOVERED DEAD RANGE FROM 40-60. RESCUE WORK HAS NOW CEASED.

2. ANOTHER LANDSLIDE OCTOBER 2 ON THE MEDELLIN/PINTADA HIGHWAY NEAR SANTA BARBARA KILLED A TRUCKDRIVER AND HIS SON AND BLOCKADED THE HIGHWAY. AN ESTIMATED 5,000 VEHICLES ARE BLOCKED ON EITHER SIDE OF THE SLIDE AS OF EARLY MORNING OCTOBER 3.

3. MEANWHILE, RAIN CONTINUED TO FALL ALL DAY OCTOBER 3 IN MEDELLIN, THE CITY OF ETERNAL SPRINGTIME.
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